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SUBJ: KENYAN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1979

1. ROBERT MATANO, WHO IS BOTH MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF KENYA AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (KANU), ANNOUNCED JANUARY 30 THAT LOCAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN 1979. MATANO INDICATED THAT SPECIFIC DATES WOULD BE FIXED LATER.

2. PREVIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLLS WOULD BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR, AND WOULD SERVE AS KIND OF DRY RUN FOR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. WHILE CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICE WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BE SAME INDIVIDUALS SEEKING NATIONAL OFFICE, LOCAL ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED EARLY INDICATION OF WHICH POLITICAL PERSONALITIES WERE STRONGEST IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

3. ACCORDING KANU NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DECISION TO POSTPONE LOCAL ELECTIONS TO COINCIDE WITH PARLIAMENTARY

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ELECTIONS WAS TAKEN BY PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN ORDER TO SHORTEN PERIOD OF ACTIVE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING AND CONFLICT, AND TO SAVE MONEY. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER SAID THAT DECISION WAS NOT TAKEN TO BENEFIT ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP. HE OPINED, HOWEVER, THAT ON FACE OF IT POSTPONMENT WOULD HELP GROUP IN OPPOSITION TO VICE PRESIDENT MOI, BECAUSE THIS GROUP IS NOT YET READY TO CONTEST ELECTIONS.

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